

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on March 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 324, 3/14/2017

HEARING ON HB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:53 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 324, Revise laws related to state parks' administration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:14 Douglas Johns, citizen, Albuquerque, NM
[EXHIBIT\(fis55a01\)](#)

00:15:03 Drew Geiger, Montana State Parks Foundation (MSPF)
[EXHIBIT\(fis55a02\)](#)

00:19:20 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association
00:20:07 Jason Howell, president, Montana Snowmobile Association
00:21:20 Mike Jeffords, Ravalli County Off Road Users Association, Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Association, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association, and National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council
00:23:06 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation Parks Association
00:27:06 Cliff Walter, citizen
00:28:24 Connie Walter, treasurer, Montana Snowmobile Association
00:29:08 Ronna Alexander, Montana Snowmobile Association
00:33:31 Jim Brown, Citizens for Balanced Use
00:53:27 Tom Towe, chair, Montana State Parks and Recreation Board (MSPRB)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:52 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:39:48 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:43:57 Martha Williams, director, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
00:50:29 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:06 Sen. Cohenour
00:55:31 Ms. Williams, FWP
00:57:20 Sen. Cohenour
00:57:44 Ms. Williams
00:58:12 Sen. Cohenour
00:58:55 Ms. Williams
01:00:09 Sen. Facey
01:00:47 Mr. Towe, MSPRB
01:01:10 Sen. Facey
01:01:26 Mr. Towe
01:07:03 Sen. Facey
01:07:45 Rep. Hamlett

01:09:02 Sen. Facey
01:09:32 Rep. Hamlett
01:13:04 Sen. Phillips
01:13:35 Ms. Williams
01:14:00 Paul Sihler, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

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EXHIBIT(fis55a04)

01:17:05 Sen. Phillips
01:17:23 Ms. Williams
01:17:28 Sen. Phillips
01:17:32 Ms. Williams
01:17:36 Sen. Phillips
01:17:45 Ms. Williams
01:18:31 Sen. Phillips
01:19:01 Ms. Williams
01:19:35 Sen. Phillips
01:20:11 Mr. Towe
01:22:42 Sen. Phillips
01:23:20 Rep. Hamlett
01:23:51 Sen. Phillips
01:24:09 Rep. Hamlett
01:25:53 Sen. Vincent
01:26:21 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:26:56 Sen. Vincent
01:27:27 Mr. Towe
01:28:23 Sen. Vincent
01:28:42 Mr. Towe
01:32:04 Sen. Vincent
01:33:09 Mr. Towe
01:33:20 Sen. Vincent
01:33:30 Mr. Towe
01:33:34 Sen. Vincent
01:34:35 Mr. Towe
01:34:41 Sen. Vincent
01:35:37 Mr. Towe
01:37:38 Sen. Vincent
01:38:19 Mr. Towe
01:38:52 Sen. Vincent
01:39:36 Mr. Geiger, MSPF
01:40:43 Sen. Vincent
01:41:39 Ms. Williams
01:45:11 Sen. Vincent
01:46:07 Ms. Williams
01:46:22 Sen. Vincent
01:46:50 Mr. Towe
01:49:19 Chair Fielder
01:49:23 Sen. Hinkle
01:49:48 Rep. Hamlett
01:54:06 Sen. Hinkle

01:54:26	Ms. Williams
01:54:46	Sen. Facey
01:54:55	Chair Fielder
01:55:05	Ms. Williams
01:55:16	Sen. Hinkle
01:55:25	Ms. Williams
01:55:35	Sen. Hinkle
01:56:04	Ms. Williams
01:56:36	Chair Fielder
01:57:42	Mr. Lamb, MWF
01:58:38	Chair Fielder
01:59:10	Mr. Lamb
01:59:27	Chair Fielder
01:59:32	Mr. Lamb
01:59:35	Chair Fielder
01:59:55	Ms. Williams
02:00:15	Chair Fielder
02:00:37	Rep. Hamlett
02:02:00	Chair Fielder
02:02:13	Ms. Stockwell, LSD
02:02:33	Chair Fielder
02:02:41	Ms. Stockwell
02:03:09	Chair Fielder
02:03:14	Ms. Stockwell

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:48	Rep. Hamlett
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:14 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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